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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Frank M. G. Doerenberg, et al.)

Serial No.: 09/454,057)

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Title: Fault Tolerant Data
Communication Network)

Group No.: 2152)

Examiner: Nguyen, Chau T.)

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In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, please enter the following

Amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A network topology backplane bus architecture comprising:
a plurality of independent data communication lines;